

RANCHMAN TO HANG FOR BRUTAL MURDER

Shot Husband and Then Attacked Widow.

Deadwood, S. D.—George Brown, 34, a ranchman, was hanged for the murder of his wife, Mrs. George Brown, on the morning of July 20, 1930. The murder was committed early in the morning of July 20. Mrs. Brown was a sheep herder and lived in a large sheep wagon with her young wife, the sheep range being at a place remote from the nearest town. The testimony offered at the trial at Deadwood showed the crime to be one of the most brutal and uncalculated in the history of the frontier.

Invited to Spend Night. Brownfield arrived at the sheep wagon home on the morning of July 20, and in the evening of July 20, and as it was getting into the couple, with the testimony offered at the trial at Deadwood showed the crime to be one of the most brutal and uncalculated in the history of the frontier.

Then she emerged from her hiding place and sought him at the sheep wagon home on the morning of July 20, and in the evening of July 20, and as it was getting into the couple, with the testimony offered at the trial at Deadwood showed the crime to be one of the most brutal and uncalculated in the history of the frontier.

Defendant in Calm. But a wet middle blanket slung to the officers fastening the crime upon him, notwithstanding his protestations of innocence. The officers, in looking about the Brownfield ranch, noticed a horse and pony and examining it, found it gave evidence of having been ridden hard for many hours before the arrival of the officers. They discovered that the middle blanket was still wet, and it had important bearing on the jury returning a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, which made it mandatory for the court to sentence Brownfield to be hanged.

When confronted with Mrs. Thomas, Brownfield continued to remain calm and coolly stated he did not know her and had never seen her before. He maintained this same attitude when he testified in the jury hall during his trial. He stoutly insisted he knew nothing whatever about the crime and had nothing to do with it.

When sentenced to be hanged, Brownfield took the sentence in the same unruffled manner he has maintained since being arrested for the crime.

Restaurants Expect to Lose Spoons, Not Owners. Hastings, Neb.—Restaurant owners are somewhat reconciled to the disappearance of silver spoons, forks and knives from their cafes, but in the opinion of a Hastings restaurant owner, talking telephone is carrying the joke.

Woman Discovers Wedding Wearing Ring. Cannes, France.—One year ago, Jeanne Lacombe, of this city, dropped her wedding ring and saw it roll down a rut hole. A few days ago she caught a full grown mouse in a trap. Around the mouse's neck was the missing wedding ring. The direct apparently had slipped around the rodent's neck when it was young and it had been unable to work it loose.

Cow Mothers a Fawn. Marysville, Calif.—William P. Stern has a cow at his ranch in the mountains of Idaho County that has adopted a fawn. It is believed the mother of the fawn may have perished in a forest fire.

Various National Sports. The national sport of Spain is bullfighting; of Scotland, golf; of England, cricket; of Belgium, cockfighting; Cuba and South America, jai alai.

Self-Expression. Dominating Personality—Highbrow way of saying "bad manners."

DR. HUGO ECKENER TO GET GOLD MEDAL

Awarded in Recognition of His World Flight.

Washington.—The National Geographic Society announced the award of a gold medal in recognition of his recent round-the-world flight and of his other noteworthy achievements which have contributed so much to the advancement of the science of aeronautics.

Notification of the reward was communicated to Doctor Eckener through the German embassy at Washington. Doctor Eckener has stated that he will come to Washington in March, at which time the medal will be formally presented to him at a meeting of the Washington members of the society.

Byrd and Lindbergh Among Medalists. The presentation ceremony will be similar to those occasions upon which Commander Richard E. Byrd was given a medal for being the first to reach the North pole by airplane, and when Col. Charles A. Lindbergh received the society's medal for his flight from New York to Paris.

On both these occasions presentation of the medals was made on behalf of the society by President Coolidge. Doctor Eckener's association with the development of dirigibles, paradoxically, dates from the time when Eckener was editor of a Frankfort newspaper and printed brief attacks upon the dirigibles, launched by Count Zeppelin.

Count Zeppelin sought out his editor, took him up on some of his flights, and then narrowly escaped death later when one of Zeppelin's dirigibles exploded just before landing.

After this disaster Count Zeppelin threatened to abandon aviation and it was Eckener, then converted to the cause of the dirigible, who persuaded him to resume his work, and fostered the popular subscription which enabled him to do so.

Then Doctor Eckener was closely associated with Count Zeppelin. He, Eckener, had been a passenger and observer, now he became a pilot, and studied all other phases of aircraft operation, which was to be his life work. Upon the death of Count Zeppelin, Eckener took over the dirigible construction works, and last year was made president of the Zeppelin company.

Two flights to America won Doctor Eckener the gold medal.

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YOUTH FINDS PAL IN 'JOVIAL' GHOST

Lad Said to Enjoy Spirit's Companionship.

London.—A jovial ghost who drifts about the streets of London, and is said to be the constant companion of a ten-year-old boy who lives in Pinner, India.

The story was related before the National Laboratory of Physical Research by Miss Helen Kohn, a B. A. of London University. The boy, said Miss Kohn, is her young nephew, Damodar Kulkarni, who was adopted by Mrs. Kohn's sister when he was four.

The youngster is coming to England from India, and the National Laboratory is arranging to have a committee of reputable London doctors investigate his ghostly companion.

"Sometimes," said Miss Kohn, "the manifestations are harmless and at other times definitely destructive. There was a time when it seemed that this mysterious spirit was making a determined attempt on the boy's life."

"Things were smashed so rapidly with no human explanation, that Damodar had to be fed by hand and the child moved through the room and was surrounded by broken glass and scattered liquids, particularly milk, to which the spirit apparently had an especial aversion."

"Once Damodar put out some fruit for his ghost. In a few moments it had disappeared and later the skin was found from nowhere bearing the marks of teeth."

"Another time a five rupee note suddenly appeared in the air in the middle of a dinner party. Nobody claimed it and it was marked and locked in a trunk. It disappeared and was never found."

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Elusive Rabbit Leads Pursuing Dog to Death

Newark, N. J.—A hound dog owned by Walter Serres of Caldwell township, died under unusual circumstances.

The dog chased a rabbit which took refuge in a lead pipe about a foot long. The dog died after it and its head caught in the pipe.

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Subscribers Notice

Quite a number of old subscribers have paid up, and we hope the few unpaid ones will let us hear from them in January. The label on your paper tells when your time expires. Pay what you owe and add \$1.50 for year of 1930.

Advertisers should note that the mosquito, which does a humming business, is not satisfied with an insectarium.—N. E. A. Bulletin.

Organic Tobacco Growers

Virginia Tobacco growers are forming a new co-operative marketing association limited to Virginia growers only, but affiliated with similar organizations in other states for sales purposes, under a movement now under way which has the endorsement of the federal farm board.

Low prices for tobacco, the fact that the \$500,000 available to the farm board can only be loaned to co-operatives and the fact that 1,000 North Carolina tobacco growers met in Raleigh Tuesday, looking for the first steps toward forming a new co-operative to-day in that state are expected to hasten the organization of a Virginia co-operative.

The formation of a new co-operative was discussed at a conference on co-operative marketing held at Blacksburg yesterday and attended by Virginia growers and county farm agents. J. W. Jones, of the Washington division of co-operative marketing, speaking in the place of J. C. Stone, member of the federal farm board, outlined to the Virginia growers the assistance the farm board is ready to extend.

At the same time, tobacco growers meeting at Danville yesterday took steps to appoint a committee to appear before the farm board at Washington and ask investigation of the present prices for tobacco, said to be below the cost of production. Tobacco prices at Danville dropped from an average of 22 cents for No. 1 to 16 cents, the lowest point for the year.

The Danville growers will also appoint a committee of five to go before the large tobacco companies and seek relief from the present situation. These functions are being carried out by the Virginia growers who this week appointed a nominating committee which will name an organization committee to draw up a new form of contract.

James C. Stone, of the federal farm board, warned the growers against the mistakes of the old tri-state organization and was to have spoken at the Blacksburg conference yesterday, but was unable to appear.

It is likely that a new co-operative will be formed among the Virginia growers before the receipt of the

old tri-state association is closed. The receivers still have on hand more than 7,000,000 lbs. of tobacco to be sold before matters of the old association can be cleared up and the receivership closed. This tobacco is being disposed of as rapidly as consistent with good business methods, but no time limit can be set on its sale as it must be disposed of according to the requirements of the market. When the association was placed in receivership more than 70,000,000 pounds of tobacco were in the warehouses of the association.

Counties Working in Tax System

Richmond, Dec. 30.—Local assessments constitute the weakest point in the entire tax system of Virginia, and can be remedied only through the operation of the state and local authorities, the taxation committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce report in a digest of conditions made public here today.

The report is signed by Robert H. Tucker, of the taxation committee, and by John Stewart Bryan, of Richmond, Richard Crane, of Westover, James R. Gilliam, Jr., of Lynchburg, and Thomas J. Hundley, of Newport News, as members. The report views the present progress Virginia has made in modernizing her tax structure since 1925, and in brief, makes the following recommendations:

1. Business license taxes, including especially merchants' licenses, should be removed with a view to the removal of conflicts and injustices, and to the better correlation of these taxes in the state and local systems.

2. Owing to the impossibility of securing a reasonably full disclosure of money on deposit for purposes of taxation, the tax on money should be abolished, the small resulting loss to be made up through increased rates on income or on bank deposits.

3. The tax system should be further simplified. Numerous minor taxes should be eliminated and the revenue system of the state and the localities, as a whole, centered more largely around a few major sources, such as income, real estate and tangible personal property, and business and franchise taxes, supplemented by such special taxes as the occasion may seem to warrant.

4. The tax functions should be still further concentrated under the state tax department. These functions are still unnecessarily scattered.

5. Steps should be taken to bring about a uniform reduction in the rates on tangible personal property. A reduction of \$1 to \$1.50 on the \$100 combined with equitable assessment, would probably result in increased revenues from this source.

6. A change in the forms of the state inheritance tax, from a succession tax to an estate tax, with liberal exemptions to beneficiaries, would simplify administration and remove many of the complicated problems arising under the present inheritance tax law.

7. The state should adopt, as soon as practicable, an equitable plan of taxing foreign property. The general property tax for various reasons, not adapted to this form of property.

8. The state should make liberal provision for research in taxation. Problems of taxation require careful investigation, and the state is the only agency that can afford to systematic engineering supervision of the various counties.

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the counties keep adequate accounting records. As to Highway Funds "It goes without saying that all expenditures from the gasoline funds should be made under supervision of the state highway department. In fact, the interests involved are such as to justify conferring upon the state highway department supervisory powers with respect to all the highway construction in the state."

The report covers sixty printed pages and after reviewing the entire history of the tax situation in Virginia since 1925 points out in detail the necessity for many changes in the tax laws and administration in Virginia to make Virginia a system nearer perfection.

It includes: "The facts and principles presented in this report have been designed to point the way to future progress without obscuring the really been made. Only by review and analysis and sound discussion may we expect to conserve the gains that have already been made and prepare the way for still larger gains in the future."

"Progress in taxation is not the easy and correct old road, but a complex and far-reaching in their effects, complete unanimity of opinion is hardly to be expected. The program of the past three years has been notably worthy of the interest and support of the citizens of the state. Its continuation and enlargement are necessary if Virginia is to meet effectively the opportunities and responsibilities of the future."

At this point the report points out that the report of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research of county government showed differences in the per capita wealth among the inhabitants of counties in Virginia to range from \$460 to \$2,800. In most of the counties the figure was reported as less than \$1,000. The report continues:

Have Expanding Needs "These poorer localities have expanding needs for schools, roads, health and social welfare. They are dependent for revenues almost entirely upon real estate and tangible personal property, already heavily taxed in some counties. Necessary resources can be supplied only through increased local taxes or through generous aid from the state."

Counties in Virginia are spending \$7,100,000 annually for highway construction and maintenance. The report points out that approximately half of this comes from the state and that supervision is particularly needed because the problem in this instance is technical, involving engineering knowledge, the use and care of equipment on a large scale, and careful planning and execution.

"The effective use of the state highway system is also dependent to large extent upon the highway systems from the gas tax fund (the state aid money) and the continued request of the county authorities.

"Within the past year only three of the hundred counties of the state have availed themselves of the supervisory services of the state highway department and in only nine counties is provision made for systematic engineering supervision of the various counties. Some counties, it is reliably reported, have failed to comply with the law with respect to expenditure of the funds allotted from the gasoline tax. Practically none of

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This Week

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Air Right of Way. He Might Kill Some One. Five Deaths a Minute. Foolish Dream, Wise Man.

W. B. MATO, aviation engineer, says a genuine air line ought to be wide, landing fields every 15 miles.

With such an arrangement, says he, it would be possible and safe by night and by day, and in almost any kind of weather.

However, long before such an air main road could be assembled and financed, pilots would probably need landing places only every 500 miles.

Many remember crossing the ocean on steamers in the last century, with sails stretched, the captains not relying on steam. They don't do that any longer.

Just before the war, Northcliffe offered \$50,000 for a flight across the English channel, less than fifty miles. Recently, Capt. French flew, at a new record by flying more than 5,000 miles without stopping or taking on fuel.

Great progress in a few years, from 20 miles to 5,000. Who doubts that ten years hence flying across the Pacific, at any point, "chilly play" and flying the Atlantic for work for student flyers.

What an advertisement that will be for the Italian preflighting school, which is now in the air. Here, if you knock a man down on the ground, you are liable to be charged with manslaughter.

How many times do you breathe, in one minute? Guess, if you can. Many that know about the revolution of an airplane propeller, and a steamship screw, take little interest in their own machinery.

The breathing question is suggested by the case of Miss Margaret McIntyre, a school teacher, who breathes only five times a minute, twelve seconds to a minute, which is a "physiological miracle."

At Llanes, Spain, a woman dreamed that a lottery ticket with the numbers 5555 would win the grand \$100,000 prize in the forthcoming lottery.

In Spain the people are encouraged to buy lottery tickets.

After the lady dreamed the crowd broke in and wrecked the store of the man that owned ticket 5555.

A foolish man would have waited to win the grand prize. Not so with the owner of the ticket.

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Coolidge for Senator. New Deal Theatres. A New Standard Lady. The Man Without a Car.

WASHINGTON reports that "the most useful, hard working, efficient of Great Britain, said to British industrialists:

"We British think we are very efficient, and we are at the head of the world in lots of things, but to keep in the van we must be conscious of that very valuable thing—the knowledge that we have something new every day. To put it in three words: We must learn to adapt, to adapt, to adapt."

And to nearby suburban points they drag gigantic heavy "local trains," stopping and starting at every station, wasting money, men, machinery, while they could just as well send out in rapid succession light cars.

The Egyptians made hieroglyphics on monuments, with strange, angular men and birds and other animals. They would have been better off adopting the "modernistic" and "artistic" style.

The Phoenicians invented our short alphabet. The Chinese cling to their alphabet of 5,000 characters and more. Three good words: The Prince of Wales, three words are also needed, even in this super-efficient land.

Engelmann, all around the world, wherever the British flag flies, will hear the voice of King George, by radio, when he speaks to the Five-Power Naval Party in the House of Lords on January 21.

They will hear a man who has been ill, a weak voice, words written by another, spoken by him.

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